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Dear Mr. Spangle:

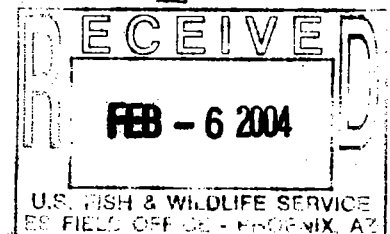
SUBJECT: SCOPING FOR DESIGNATION OF SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW
FLYCATCHER CRITICAL HABITAT

This letter is being sent to provide information on the current status of southwestern willow flycatchers (SWF) on Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar pursuant to the "Notice of Scoping Meeting and Intent to prepare and Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Designation of Critical Habitat for the Southwestern willow flycatcher" posted in (Fed. Reg./Vol. 69, No. 13 of 21 January 2003).

Recent surveys conducted on MCAS Miramar for this species and the least Bell's vireo failed to identify any SWF on the Station. Suitable riparian habitat for the SWF receives special management as outlined in our Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. CH 43

At this time, we would also like to request that a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment be sent to us at the following address when it becomes available for public review. noted

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Sincerely

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